Raider football

Team works hard for 1983 season

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But, in practice this summer, "the boys have been working very hard," Cuccio says. "We believe that things will fall into place, as far as timing, rhythm and the other fundamentals are concerned, in time to be competitive this season," says Cuccio.

"But," the coach hastens to add, "with six new offensive linemen starting for the first time, how soon they will mature as a unit is really unpredictable."

The Raiders suffered a severe setback in the first hour of practice this summer, when all-district offensive lineman Alphonso Moore injured his knee and was forced to sit out this season because of the injury.

The Raiders will mainly run out of the pro and slot formations this season, according to the coach. Defensively, the team will run a combination of 5-3 and 4-3 configurations.

"We'd like the pass-run ratio to be about 40-60, running slightly more often that passing, this season," the coach says.

But, he adds, the Raiders will try to develop opportunities in each game as they develop, according to what the opposition allows.

"The key is to be prepared to do anything, and not to be so oriented to the pass or the run that you can't adapt to take advantage of opportunities that come up in game situations," Cuccio notes.

Commenting on the Seminole District this season, Cuccio says that "this is one of the most competitive districts, top to bottom, that the Seminole has seen in five or six years. On any given night, any team will have the ability to beat any other team."

Cuccio feels that Buckingham, William Campbell and Rustburg all have the potential to stand out in the Seminole District this year.

"But you can't turn your back on anybody, or they will beat you," the coach says.

The Raiders open their season at home tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 p.m. against Gretna.

"Gretna lost only five starters from last year's team, which came on strong at the end of the season and compiled a 7-2-1 record," Cuccio notes.

"We feel that, with all the experience they will have coming back to this year's team, they have to be considered a legitimate contender in the Seminole District this season.

"We're expecting an extremely tough ball game," Cuccio concludes. "And, we are sure our athletes will be prepared."

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Line is Devils' strength

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Wade says that his team's greatest strength at this point is his interior line, both offensively and defensively. "We have some big boys, with good strength and good experience," the coach says. The only drawback to his interior line is a lack of personnel depth, Wade adds.

The coach adds that his squad has progressed "more on defense than on offense." Practice sessions have been good this summer, Wade notes, even though, with the season set to start Friday, the coaching staff feels their squad "might be a little behind" where they should be at this point. "I guess we're like everybody else," Wade notes. "We'd like to be further along than we are. The summer's been rough for practice, with the high temperatures," says Wade.

Commenting on the Seminole District in the 1983 grid season, Wade says that there probably "won't be a team that dominates district play like Appomattox or Brookville last year. The Seminole District should be a very well balanced district this season."

Wade says that if the young players on the Red Devils squad this season come around early on in the schedule, his team should be competitive. "We like to keep our offense balanced," the coach says, "with a good mixture of running and passing plays. We're hoping that, with the line we have this season, our running game will be a potent weapon."

The Red Devils open tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 p.m. against Heritage, at Heritage.

Rustburg's first home game will be next Friday night, Sept. 9, at 8 p.m. at Rustburg's new 4,000-plus capacity stadium at Rustburg High School.

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VARSITY FOOTBALL 1983

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
9/2	Heritage	Heritage	8:00
9/9	Brookville	Rustburg	8:00
9/16	Altavista	Altavista	8:00
9/23	W. Campbell	Rustburg	8:00
9/30	Appomattox	Appo.	8:00
10/7	Nelson	Rustburg	8:00
10/14	Liberty	Liberty	8:00
10/21	Gretna	Rustburg	8:00
10/28	Buckingham	Rustburg	8:00
11/4	Jefferson	Forest	8:00
11/5	Dis. Tourna.	T.B.D.	T.B.D.
11/12	Regional Tourna.	T.B.D.	T.B.D.
11/19	Regional Tourna.	T.B.D.	T.B.D.
11/26	State Tourna.	T.B.D.	T.B.D.
12/3	State Tourna.	T.B.D.	T.B.D.
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9/8	Brookville	Brookville	6:00
9/15	Altavista	Rustburg	6:00
9/22	W. Campbell	W. Campb.	6:00
9/29	Appomattox	Rustburg	6:00
10/6	Nelson	Nelson	6:00
10/13	Liberty	Rustburg	6:00
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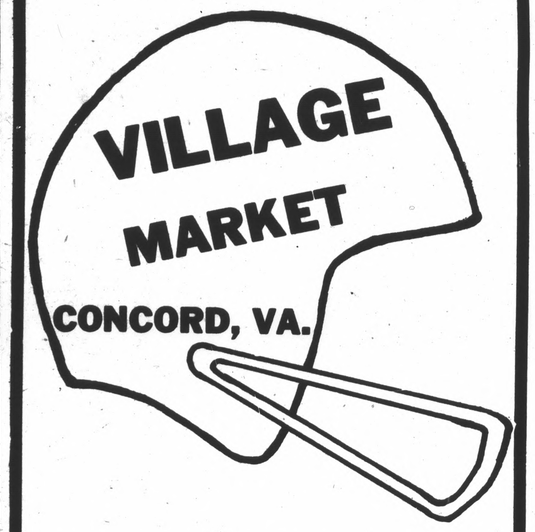

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